

**Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Edison Walthall Hotel
Jackson, MS
Minutes**

June 3, 1999

MTAC Members Present:

John Brahan, M.D.	John Nelson, M.D.
John Cook, M.D.	Galen Poole, M.D.
Hugh Gamble, M.D.	Marshall Tucker
Jerry Green	Debbie Ward, R.N.
John Lucas, M.D.	
Brennett Lyles, R.N., REMT-P	

MTAC Members Not Present:

David Cook, R.N.	H.S. McMillan
Christine Weiland, R.N.	Charles Piggot, M.D.
William T. Avara, M.D.	

Board of Health Member Present:

Janice Conerly

Others Present:

Briggs Hopson, M.D.
Ricky Boggan
Ellen O'Neal
Dr. Frank Ehrlich

EMS Staff Present:

Wade N. Spruill, Jr.
Beth Nation
Austin Banks
Keith Parker

I. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order by Dr Gamble at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Gamble announce the appointment of Dr. Charles Pigot as the newest member of the MTAC Committee.

II. Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes from the May 13, 1999 MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

III. Review of Amendments:

Dr Gamble presented a review of amendments suggested for Definitions and Inter-Facility Transfer of Trauma Patients. Proposed amendments were adopted.

IV. Reports:

Ms. O'Neal presented a report on the Attorney General's Opinion. A general discussion ensued. Dr. Lucas made a motion to request a model corporation outline and bylaws to be distributed to each region and to retain an attorney, using funds from the Trauma Care Trust Fund, that would represent each Trauma Care Region. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker. The motion passed without dissension.

Dr. Lucas presented a report of the Special Subcommittee on the Trauma Care Standards and proposed amendments. General discussion ensued and amendments were made to the Trauma Center Standards for Level III (attached). Dr. Lucas stated that Level IV Trauma Center Standards would be completed next followed by Levels I and II.

Mr. Tucker reported on indigent trauma care funding. He stated that the Mississippi Hospital and Physicians Foundation had reviewed the drafts developed by the Financial Subcommittee of MTAC. In a letter to Mr. Spruill from Sam Cameron, MHA President, the Foundation recommended that funds be allocated 30% to eligible physicians and 70% to eligible hospitals. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Financial Committee was directed to continue the development of a distribution formula in two ways. First with general surgeons being listed as the eligible physician group and secondly with general, orthopedic, and neurosurgeons being listed as the eligible physician group.

The draft memo from Ingrid Williams to the MTAC regarding COBRA issues was endorsed. Mr. Boggan stated that the memo would be drafted in final form and distributed.

Mr. Spruill reported the status of regional development.

V. Discussion of Proposed Trauma Center Designation Process:

Mr. Spruill discussed the Trauma Center Designation Process which was adopted unanimously. He also reported on the recent review of Trauma Registry Software and stated that a decision regarding software would likely be reached by August/September.

VI. July MTAC Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 1, 1999 at the Edison Walthall Hotel at 10:00 a.m.

VII. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.